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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE APPROVES FOUR NEW GOLAN SETTLEMENTS

REF: TEL AVIV 7883

1. MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENTS HAVE FORMAL APPROVAL DECEMBER 2 TO CREATION OF FOUR NEW SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. ACCORDING TO SOME PRESS REPORTS, THE SETTLEMENTS MAY BE READY FOR INITIAL OCCUPANCY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THE SETTLERS WILL REPORTEDLY OCCUPY TEMPORARY SITES, PRESUMABLY IN EXISTING SETTLEMENTS, UNTIL PERMANENT QUARTERS ARE READY.

2. ACTION BY MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOLLOWS REFERRAL OF ISSUE TO COMMITTEE BY CABINET DECEMBER 1. GENERAL FEELING HERE IS THAT APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENTS CONSTITUTES CONCRETE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION EXTENDING UNDOF MANDATE.

3. PREVALENT ATTITUDE APPARENTLY MOTIVATING MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WAS EXPRESSED BY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO HAUSNER (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL) WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH IN PAST HAD DICTATED SELF-RESTRAINT IN THE CREATION OF NEW GOLAN SETTLEMENTS, NOW DICTATED APPROVAL OF THESE FOUR SETTLEMENTS AS "ZIONIST REACTION" TO SECURITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION, MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE HAMMER (NRP YOUNG GUARD) WAS REPORTEDLY VOTED DOWN IN SEPARATE ATTEMPT TO HAVE SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK AUTHORIZED AS WELL.

4. HAARETZ LISTS NAMES OF FOUR SETTLEMENTS AS FOLLOWS (SPELLING PHONETIC): BAZOK, TANURIYA, MORDOT AND KFAR TA'ASSIYA B. (INDUSTRIAL ZONE) EXACT LOCATIONS ARE AS YET UNREPORTED.
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